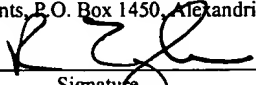


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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 18, 2003

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2003, Applicants submit this response and respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's objections and rejections.

Petition for Extension of Time

Applicants petition for a two-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 up to and including May 18, 2004. Applicants hereby authorize and instruct the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office to charge Deposit Account No. 02-0383 (matter 016295.0673) of Baker Botts

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